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SUBJECT: REQUEST LEAHY AMENDMENT HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING

1. (SBU) ACTION REQUEST: As required by the Departments of State and Defense Leahy Amendments, Embassy requests that Washington conduct soonest the required human rights review of the below listed Panamanian Public Force person(s) and/or unit(s) and that State Department transmit the results to Embassy and U.S. Southern Command.

National Police (PNP), Police Zone Darien Kuna Yala DARKUN), Pablo Arcenio Villarrreta Valds, E-4, 10-JAN-1980, 2-707-471

National Police (PNP), Grupo Operaciones Especiales, Special Operations Group, Eric Jovany Mendez Concepcin, E-4, 07-OCT-1970, 4-224-701

National Maritime Service (SMN), Infanteria de Marina, Special Operations Group, Franklin Enrique Araz Lpez, E-4, 06-MAR-1974, 4-273-19

National Air Service (SAN), Policia Aerea, Grupo Operaciones Especiales, Air Police, Special Operations Group, Boris Rene Rodriguez Vargas, E-8, 28-SEP-1963, 2-112-981

National Air Service (SAN), Policia Aerea Grupo Especiales, Operaciones Air Police, Special Operations Group, Ricardo Alfonso Carrasquilla Robledo, E-4, 11-NOV-1978, 8-723-545

2. (U) Embassy is currently conducting its own review and has thus far found no credible information that the aforementioned person(s)/unit(s) has been involved in gross human rights violations. Embassy thanks the Department in advance for its timely consideration of and response to this matter.

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